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A CRUMBLING COURT HOUSE

In Addition It Is Badly Ventilated and Poorly Divided.

WHAT THOSE WHO USE IT SAY

They Are Looking Forward Expectantly to the Promised New Quarters—Some Priceless Treasures Stored in the Old Building—George Washington's Will.

The shabby public building in Washington is the courthouse on D street, facing Four-and-a-half. It was planned eighty years ago, and the improvements on the original design have not at all remedied the defects incident to the condition of physical and sanitary science at that day.

The foundation of the original building was laid in 1820, so far as can now be learned. A structure was erected for the accommodation of the courts of that time which served its purpose reasonably well. Very little more was done till 1852, when the building which did service with very little change for thirty years was erected.

This was what most who have known anything of the place for the last ten years have called the "old courthouse." In 1881, upon strong representations showing the cramped and unsatisfactory condition under which the business of the courts was conducted, Congress was induced to make an appropriation for an extension of the building, and the new part of the structure was put up in the year 1882.

The original appropriation for the addition was \$117,000. The plans were made for the construction of a fire-proof building. When the walls had gone up one story it was found that the appropriation was altogether insufficient to complete the work as planned and that it would not be possible to make the place fire-proof under any plans devisable, as a continuation upon the foundation laid at the same time to make any provision for the transaction of public business.

Application was made to the Secretary of the Interior for leave to go on with the building as originally planned and create a deficiency, relying upon the next Congress to make it good, but his permission was denied and hampered by the niggardliness which, as a complement for money extravagance has spoiled its full half of bad government work, the addition was completed as it stands today. The first story is solid and good, fire-proof if it stood alone, but entirely the mercy of the flames as connected with the rest of the structure.

As a whole, up to date the edifice is about as unsatisfactory as it could be. So far as architectural effect is concerned it is not so bad, but when the visitor comes close enough to see its shoddy make-up he is disillusioned, if not disgusted. The majestic stone columns are found to be crumbling at the bases. And the entire building except a small part of the addition of 1882 is found to be made of brick covered with stucco. The old part has a dark, close, dark basement, in which the most kept constantly lighted in order to be able to get about.

One portion of it is used for repair shops, and another part for the confinement of prisoners who are immediately on trial. Other parts are used for engine rooms and still others, and these are the best lighted and ventilated, are used for the offices of the recorder of deeds, the register of wills, and for the storage of papers belonging to the supreme clerk's office, which are not likely to be immediately wanted. It is fondly hoped that these valuable documents will in case of fire escape destruction; but competent authorities say that a building not all fire-proof is not at all fire-proof; and while these rooms were begun under plans for a fire-proof structure, the fire which would burn the upper floors would destroy chairs, tables, desks, shelves, and, of course, the papers upon the shelves.

The gravity of the menace to the public good involved in this condition is better appreciated when it is stated that, in addition to the will of President Washington, and other papers priceless as relics, the records of transfers of real estate and the wills upon which possession of many millions of property depends are stored here.

The building is occupied by eight courts, with their clerks' offices, by the United States marshal and his deputies, by the United States District attorney and his assistants, by the auditor of the treasury, and by the surveyor with his records (and it may be mentioned that he has all his valuable books and maps in the old and wholly non-fireproof part), by the register of wills, and by the recorder of deeds.

There is not an elevator in the building. It has not a decent lavatory or closet accessible to the lawyers who regularly practice there. The plumbing throughout is of a kind now wholly out of date.

PLANS ALREADY DRAWN.

Under this state of affairs it is not singular that the judges, clerks, lawyers, and citizens who have business at the courthouse unite with the Commissioners of the District and their corps of assistants in the desire that a new municipal building shall be erected at as early a date as possible. The matter was put before the District committee of the House last session, and the plan for a new building has been drawn and widely discussed. The latest drawings are those of Mr. A. O. von Herbig, an architect and civil engineer in the office of the superintendent of sewers at the District building. These plans have been approved by the District Commissioners and informally by the judges of the supreme court. The site is to be just back of and including the new part of the present courthouse. It will face D street at Four-and-a-half, as the present structure does, and will have the courts and clerks' offices at the east end and the Commissioners' and their assistants at the west end. It will be entirely fire-proof, and the estimated cost is \$2,500,000. This sum is moderate as compared with the cost of similar buildings in cities of the same and smaller size throughout the country.

A Times reporter has talked with a number of those interested. Chief Justice Blagden, of the supreme court, said: "I am rather in favor of a separate building for the courts and their clerks and affiliated offices. I think that would be better than to put us in the same building with the District Commissioners."

Judge Cole said: "It is of great importance that part of any new building should be finished before we are called upon to move from here. We are all agreed upon that in our discussions of the subject. Anything else, any attempt to rent a building outside and move into it, would be destructive, would interfere very materially, and render the proper transaction of the business of the courts almost impossible. We like the plans sent down from the Commissioners for two buildings, one for the courts and one for the Commissioners, with a connecting passage, the other adjacent stands. That would not disturb us here till the new house was ready for us."

M. J. Gilbert, of the law firm of Hamilton & Gilbert, said: "A new building is sorely needed. The old building is falling to pieces, and it is adapted to its use. The offices in the basement are not fit to do business in. Let them be done down there. 1,500 to 1,600 valuable records, if they should be destroyed, it would be an irreparable loss. You remember the Chicago fire of 1871 destroyed their records, and now it costs about \$200 to have a title examined. The recorder's office, too, came near catching fire about a month ago. Then there's the office of the register of wills, on the same floor, which is ill adapted to its purpose, and the documents there are constantly in danger from fire. I have suffered little personal inconvenience, but that is owing to good management by the officials."

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3 lbs. Oyster Crackers.....	25c
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14 styles Men's Suits, worth \$5. for \$2.50. 100 Men's Suits, in Sacks and Frocks, worth \$10. for \$5.00.

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100 Men's Overcoats, fashionable length, worth \$10. for \$5.00.

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